Implementation of Juvenile Justice Act, 1986

1922. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether at two-day National Seminar held in New Delhi in April this year, Government's attention was drawn to the woefully inadequate implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 and the need to humanise the Juvenile Justice system;

(b) whether any review of the working of the system re-enacted in 1986, has been made; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the steps taken/being to provide a human face?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The Government has been seized of inadequacies of the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 and the need to humanise the Juvenil Justice system much before the national seminar on the subject was held. With a view to strengthening the implementation of the Act in the Country and bringing about a qualitative improvement in the services provided, the Ministry's scheme for prevention and control of Juvenile social maladjustment was reviewed and renamed as "A" Programme for Juvenile Justice.

The Government is already considering amendments to the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 with a view to humanise the whole juvenile justice system.

Educational Centres for Tribal Women in Assam

1923. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether grants are being given to the voluntary organizations running educational centres for tribal women in the hilly areas of Assam;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?